

GERMAN PAPER HOLDS BELGIUM WAS UNNEUTRAL

Berlin, July 28.—The Nord Deutscher Zeitung began the publication today of a series of documents purporting to be secret Belgian diplomatic reports found in Brussels by the Germans and describing international political affairs from the time of the Moroccan crisis until the beginning of the present conflict. The purpose of their publication is to prove that Germany maintained a peaceful attitude throughout this period.

The papers published today include alleged reports made to Baron De Paerboom, former Belgian foreign minister, by Count De Lalaing, former Belgian minister, Baron Gendel, minister to Berlin, and Count Dursel, chargé d'affaires at Berlin. These reports date from 1905 and deal with European politics, especially the attitude of the triple entente towards Germany. Count Lalaing and Baron Gendel are quoted as having reported in February, 1905, that Belgian hostility to Germany was caused by jealousy of the latter.

Baron Gendel is said to have been the author of a letter written September 15, 1905, requesting the triple alliance to remain neutral in the event of a conflict between Germany and France. The letter is quoted as having asserted in a later letter that King Edward was hostile to Germany and that Germany's isolation was the aim of British policy.

All the letters printed emphasize efforts said to have been made by Great Britain to form a coalition against Germany.

BRUSSELS FINED ANOTHER MILLION

Paris, July 28.—Another fine of \$1,000,000 has been imposed on the city of Brussels by the German authorities in consequence of the destruction of Zeppelin dirigible balloons at Evers by allied aviators, according to the correspondent at Havre of the Petit Parisien.

A dispatch from Amsterdam, July 14, said that British airmen had attacked the Zeppelin sheds at Evers, north of Brussels and set fire to the buildings, destroying the Zeppelin inflators.

JULY WEDDINGS

WOODS-O'CONNELL.
Miss Nellie O'Connell of Putnam street and Ernest J. Woods, superintendent of the Sprink Lake Farm, Southington, were united in marriage yesterday morning at St. Charles church, the nuptial mass being sung by the Rev. James V. Hession. The bride's gown was of white crepe de chine, trimmed with old fashioned lace. Her tulle veil was caught with ribbons of blue and her bouquet was of white roses and sweet peas. Miss Mary Murphy of Newport attended the bride and her bridesmaid was of pink tulle and her hat of pink tulle. The best man was John W. Healy. Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast and an informal reception at the home of the bride's home on Putnam street. The young couple are now enjoying a wedding trip to Portland, Me., where they will remain indefinitely. They are to make their home in Southington.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis P. Morris of 35 Washington place were tendered a dinner party at the Sea Side club last evening in honor of the anniversary of their wedding. The pinocchio club of which Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members, was sponsor for the affair which was in the nature of a surprise. The guests of honor having been bidden to a "frankfurter roast," and asked to bring their bathing suits and their own refreshments and music. The dinner was served in the fashionable club, where a beautifully appointed table, with covers for fourteen, was set for the party. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. George Youngs, Miss Nellie Wilcox and Clifford Ballard.

A baby girl weighing ten pounds, arrived recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Nichols of Stratford road.

The St. John's men's chorus of St. John's church, this city, will give a musical at the town hall in Bridgeport for Saturday evening. Proceeds from the entertainment will be used for the benefit of the Village Improvement association. Alfred C. Bruel, who is organizer and director of the chorus, will direct the concert. The soloists will include Walter Ley, tenor; Eli Lundberg, baritone; and Wallace Kamens, soprano. Earl B. Hoskins will be the violinist for the occasion and Mr. Bruel will accompany the chorus and solo numbers.

Miss Kathleen Kinney of 422 Atlantic street is visiting friends in Waterbury, Naugatuck and Hartford.

GATHER LARGE FUND FOR RED CROSS WORK

Nearly \$1,000 has been collected by Italian-American citizens of Bridgeport for the Italian Red Cross work in the war zone. The committee in charge of the collection work met last evening at the Savoy Mazzini club and reported progress. The lawn fête held under the direction of Mrs. Jonathan Godfrey netted the committee a large part of the fund and contributions have been generous. A picnic is being planned to be held some time in August.

A seat on the Boston Stock Exchange was sold for \$15,000, a reduction of \$1,000 from the last previous sale.

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JUSTICE FORD DENIES BECKER DEAF FOR NEW TRIAL; EXECUTION WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW

NO OTHER DECISION ON THE FACTS, SAYS WHITMAN; COCKRAN SILENT

Gov. Whitman: "The evidence was conclusive and Justice Ford could have rendered no other decision on the facts. If I had any doubt about Becker's guilt I would pardon him in a minute."
District Attorney Perkins: "I am very glad that Justice Ford took so much time and looked into the case so thoroughly. I am quite confident that there was no merit in the affidavits, and I am sure that no mistake is being made in carrying out the sentence imposed by the court."
W. Bourke Cockran, chief counsel for Becker in his last fight: "I have no comment to make on the decision, and no statement of issue of any kind. I cannot say whether any further attempt will be made to save Becker's life. No, I cannot tell you when I shall make a statement, or if I shall make one at all."

John F. McIntyre: "I deeply regret Justice Ford's decision. There seemed to be a general hope that he might take one view. However, he has seen fit not to, and of course I make no comment on that. I feel strongly, however, that in normal times no jury would convict Becker on the testimony of such men as Rose, Webber and Vallon. I am convinced he is innocent."

BECKER RECEIVES NEWS WITHOUT GREAT EMOTION

Ossining, N. Y., July 28.—Charles Becker was sitting on the edge of his cot at 10:15 last night when Assistant Warden Charles H. Johnson entered the death house, walked to Becker's cot, and speaking as quietly as he could, whispered through the iron door:

"Charlie, I have bad news for you. Your appeal has been denied."

Becker rose from his cot and came to the door. His face was working nervously and he stuck his hand between the gratings, clasped Johnson's hand and almost crushed it.

His eyes were directed toward the floor. One moment and then he reached for Johnson's hand again, and shook it vigorously.

"Don't, don't," he said in a whisper. He seemed dazed at the news.

And then Johnson left him to his thoughts, standing at the door, with his head bowed.

Becker's cousin sent for.

The news of Justice Ford's decision reached the prison twelve minutes before Becker was notified. Newspaper men received the word from their offices and told Warden Thomas Mont Osborne and Mr. Johnson. The two officials stood undecided for a time, neither of them liking the task of telling Becker.

Then they telephoned to Father Cushman, chaplain, who hurried over to the prison, but before he arrived Mr. Johnson, who has become a warm friend of Becker, made the move.

Mrs. Becker has been here all evening from 7:30, but left a few minutes before 10 o'clock to catch the 10:31 train for home. The prison officials expected the decision shortly after 10 o'clock, but were glad to have her leave before the word came, as they thought it would be less hard for her to hear the news in her home. After the word came, she would have been possible to reach her at the station, but Warden Osborne discouraged such an attempt.

The strain of waiting for the momentous decision had manifestly been too much for Mrs. Becker, for she appeared more broken up than on any of her previous public appearances, when her calmness has always attracted attention.

Other prisoners received the news quickly. The trustees were informed in the warden's office and they and the guards, who changed places at 10 o'clock, and spread it through the big prison. The 17 inmates in the death house besides Becker guessed what had happened by Mr. Johnson's serious demeanor, but they made no demonstration.

Visited by Priest.

Father Cushman arrived at the prison shortly after Becker had been told, and went to the death house, where he spent some time.

"Did Becker display any great emotion?" Johnson was asked after he came out.

"Not in any large way," he said.

Not Afraid to Die.

Father Cushman spent 20 minutes in the cell with Becker, and when he came out he said the prisoner was bearing up wonderfully and was quite composed. Becker had no statement to give out, but to Father Cushman he said:

"There is no justice here, but I am confident that justice will be accorded me. The news is bad, but I feel sure that the truth will come out in time and the world will know that I am not the murderer I am accused of being."

"I don't fear death, Father, but I do desire the same for myself and the distress and sorrow of my loyal wife. Her grief is uttermost in my thoughts."

He asked Father Cushman to telephone the news to her and to do his utmost to console her. Father Cushman promised to do this, and then gave Becker a short talk of spiritual encouragement.

"Bear up, now, Charlie, you must trust in God alone," he said in conclusion.

"I know that Father, I will," said Becker.

"Now that all human help has been denied you, you have only God to rely upon," continued the priest.

"I know it, Father, and I place my trust in Him," Becker's final words to Father Cushman.

Becker, as usual, the first out of his cot in the death house, greeted Father Cushman even more cheerfully than he did yesterday, and the air of new hopefulness he showed on Tuesday morning was marked enough to cause visitors to the death house to comment on it later.

Becker began last week to dispose of the few books and trinkets in his death house cell. One possession which he still retains is a picture of Mrs. Becker which has been in his cell for many months. One of his books, "The River of Doubt," he gave to Father Cushman. He has also given away a deluxe edition of a description of the building and operation of the Panama Canal.

While definite word was being awaited here yesterday as to whether Becker

er would be granted a new trial Assistant Warden Johnson told in reply to questions some details of the last preparation for the death of Becker Friday morning.

Becker receives his final bath today. Mr. Johnson said: "During the night bath keepers will enter his cell and remove therefrom the picture of Mrs. Becker, the pad calendar from which each day he has been tearing a sheet, his fountain pen, papers, his shoes and everything else except the bed clothes."

According to the plans at the prison, Becker will return from his bath today to find laid out on his cot a prison suit of black, a white shirt, and black tie, a new suit of underclothing and black felt slippers.

The time set for the farewell visit of Mrs. Becker and Becker's brothers and sisters was today between 2 and 4 o'clock. The Sing Sing officials believe in getting the relatives of a condemned man away from the prison as early as possible the day before.

Believe he should have as much of the last afternoon and evening as possible to himself in order that he may do his best to pull himself together, free from the emotional strain of family good-bys.

Plans for Death March.

Father Curry and Father Cushman will walk on each side of Becker as he enters the death chamber. Two keepers will walk at the head of the little procession, followed by Becker and the two priests. Two more keepers will follow after the condemned man with Principal Keeper Fred Dorner walking behind them. Besides the newspaper men and other witnesses, Assistant Warden Johnson, in the absence of Warden Osborne, will be in the room with Mr. Charles W. Farr, the prison physician, and his assistant, Dr. Henry Mereness.

New and more powerful electric apparatus has been installed. Just back of the chair and two or three steps to the right, the state electrician will stand, ready to throw a switch on a part of the wall which projects out about a foot and a half directly behind the electric chair.

To the electrician's left is a long lever which rises from the floor against the wall to about the height of the waistline of the electrician standing behind the chair. A slight movement of the lever in the hand of the principal keeper will notify the electrician that all is ready. The electrician then will sound three bell signals out in the dynamo room. "Bell" is now the signal for the death chamber to notify the engineer to get ready.

One bell next is sounded, whereupon the electrical current is sent into the death house, although the current does not go to the chair itself until the state electrician sends it there by a movement of the long lever beside him. A signal of two bells means "All ready, the power" three bells are sounded when a lessening of the voltage is desired and six bells are sounded to notify the dynamo room that "all is over, and the current is to be shut off from the death house."

As the condemned man is put to death, the clergymen, owing to their closeness to the electric chair, stand on rubber mats placed there for them.

Becker's wife was his only visitor yesterday with the exception of Father Cushman and Assistant Warden Johnson. Mrs. Becker, evidently postponing her visit to a later hour than usual in the hope that she would have news of importance for Becker, did not reach the prison until 7:20 o'clock. Mrs. Becker as usual had nothing to say for publication.

She was immediately taken to the death house to have a long talk with her husband.

Sam Haines, the mulatto who regardless of the Becker decision, will go to the chair Friday morning, seemed to be worrying chiefly over a bad cold he had contracted. His fear is that the cold will be a handicap against his resolve to go into the death chamber with at least an outward display of physical and mental strength.

Haines, who is a Protestant, has decorated his cell with religious pictures and picture postcards sent to him from time to time. These will be removed from the walls today, while he is taking his last bath. John Lowry, a New York man, interested in religious work, will walk with Haines to the death chair.

The state electrician will arrive at Sing Sing some time today. He will make the official test of the electric chair soon after he reaches here.

**GEORGE B. THORPE
IS PRESIDENT OF
CEMETERY ASSO.**

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Only Governor, Who Was Police-
man's Prosecutor, Can
Now Save Him From the
Electric Chair—Preparations
Begin in Death House.

Court Discards Affidavit About
"Big Tim" Sullivan Along
With Other Evidence Relied
Upon to Bring About a Third
Trial.

New York, July 29.—Charles Becker's motion for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence was denied last night by Supreme Court Justice Ford.

There is now no power on



JUSTICE FORD

earth which can save Becker from going to the electric chair at 5:45 to-morrow morning except that vested in Gov. Whitman, unless of course more new evidence is discovered which will stand the test which Becker's latest offering failed to do, and upon which Justice Ford has passed.

District Attorney Perkins and members of his legal staff, and Justice Ford himself, say there is no appeal from the court's findings, although W. Bourke Cockran, chief of Becker's counsel, believes that he can find a way.

Justice Ford, who has been almost continuously at work since last Monday on the problem offered by Becker's motion, with the exception of three hours a day in court, for two days and four hours sleep each night, announced his decision at 10:15 last night.

Perkins' Contentment Upheld.

He upholds all the contentions of District Attorney Perkins in regard to the newly discovered evidence which was offered by Mr. Cockran. Becker's own statement, containing the first definite news of the meeting he had with "Big Tim" Sullivan the Sunday night before the murder, is discarded as not newly discovered, because Becker knew about it at the time of his trials and failed to make use of it.

All the attacks on the informers, particularly Rose and Webber, which are made in the eleven affidavits offered by Mr. Cockran, are declared to be cumulative by Justice Ford. He limits the powers of his own court to the powers prescribed by statute, and denies that he has inherent power, a statement to which effect was part of Mr. Cockran's argument.

Justice Ford was to have passed his 53d birthday with his family yesterday, but instead remained in his chambers balancing Becker's life in the scales.

He said he had reached his decision Tuesday night.

"The power of any court is limited by statute," he said, "and the reason for my motion of this kind is plain. No court would want to take the responsibility for a man's execution, if evidence such as this were enough to cause a new trial no one would ever go to the chair."

Says Task Was Hard.

"I disliked to decide the action this way, and I've had a hard time, but the legal precedents kept piling up before me and there was no way by which I could get away from it. I had no inherent power and the evidence offered in support of the motion does not stand the tests required by the statutes."

Becker's fate now rests with the governor.

District Attorney Perkins when notified by newspaper men said he was very glad that Justice Ford had taken such care with the case.

"I am quite confident there was no merit in the affidavits offered in Becker's behalf, and I am sure no mistake is being made in carrying out the sentence imposed by the court."

In his decision Justice Ford says the only question before him is whether the evidence set forth as newly discovered meets the requirements of section 465, sub-division 7.

The affidavit of Benjamin Kaufman, who said Rosenthal was planning to leave town the night he was killed, he dismisses as not being admissible as evidence under court rules. Edward Ginty, who related that Jack Rose had said he had \$5,000 which was to have been used to pay Rosenthal out of the way, could not have testified to this at the trial except to impeach Rose's testimony. Justice Ford rules and impeachment of a witness has no weight

in obtaining a new trial.

The court says the same of the story of the convict, Murphy, who related that he overheard Webber, Rose and Vallon plotting to lay to Becker the blame for Rosenthal's death. Louis Harris relates yesterday matters. Father Curry's affidavit is immaterial, and the statement of Harford T. Marshall, even if admissible as non-privileged matter, would simply tend to impeach Webber, Justice Ford holds.

Martin T. Manton and John F. McIntyre, Becker's lawyers at the second



Mrs. BECKER

and first trials respectively, asserted Becker never told them of the Big Tim Sullivan meeting. Justice Ford says the fact that the defendant knew about this meeting is fatal.

And Appelbaum's affidavit corroborates Becker's story of the Big Tim Sullivan meeting contains nothing new to Becker at the time of his trial, it is held.

MORRISTOWN FIREMEN ENTERTAINED HERE

The freedom of the city of Bridgeport was extended yesterday to 120 visiting firemen from Morristown, N. J., members of the Resolute Hook & Ladder Co. They came in a large ocean going tug from New York, and received here by Mayor Wilson and other city officials, and after being shown about the city in automobiles, dined at the Hotel Stratford where they listened to speeches of welcome.

There has always been a friendly feeling between the Resolute vamps and this city extending over a period of nearly half a century and much improvement in the Morristown fire equipment has resulted through inspection of the apparatus here. When the visitors left at 6 o'clock last night they voted that Bridgeport had not only been most hospitable but that they jointly and severally enjoyed the day here.

DISTINGUISHED MASONS HOLD SHORE BANQUET.

Officers and thirty-third degree members of Pequotnoct Chapter, Rose Croix, A. & A. S. R., held a banquet Tuesday evening at Lehmann's shore house, and plans for the coming year were outlined. Preparations are being made for the observance of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb in April.

When speakers from various parts of the country will be here.

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH TROLLEY CAR AFTER SKID

A southbound State street trolley car collided with the large motor truck belonging to the New York Bottling Co. of Lindley street, at Main and Cannon streets at 6:25 o'clock last night. The accident was due to the rainfall, which caused the large truck to skid in front of the trolley. Nobody was injured.

Many young men scarcely know whether to spend the summer hoeing corn, or to accept free board at a summer hotel on condition that they spend their time dancing with the girls.

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HUNGARIANS HAVE NOTABLE BANQUET OF CONFEDERATION

Large Attendance at Feast
Where National Officers and
Guests Are Seated.

Officers, members and guests of the Confederation of Hungarian Sick Benefit societies dined at the Fairfield restaurant last evening. Covers were laid for about 200. Striking evidences of the progress of the Hungarian-born residents of Bridgeport were brought forth in the addresses of the various speakers.

Especially inspiring was the address of Rev. Stephen F. Chernitzky, pastor of St. Stephen's Hungarian E. C. church in Spruce street. He pointed to the organization of the confederation as a lasting proof of the superior citizenship of his compatriots. His thrift, industry and ambition of his fellow countrymen were strikingly shown through their provision for the well being of themselves and their associates by means of the various sick societies. Father Chernitzky called attention to the banking interests, the property investments, and the high positions in civic and social life of the Hungarians in Bridgeport.

John Deszo, former member of the board of apportionment and one of the most widely known Hungarian citizens, described in his address the growth of the society from its inception with a few hundred members, the first Hungarian settlers here after the Civil war, to an organization which now numbers nearly 10,000 members.

He said that the various Hungarian sick benefit societies which were now merged in one confederation, no member or his family need be in want and there were few if any instances in Bridgeport or elsewhere that persons of Hungarian nationality sought assistance from outsiders or from public charity.

Postmaster Charles F. Greene in paying tribute to the Hungarian-American residents of Bridgeport said that in his newspaper experience he had found the Hungarian-Americans here out to be proud of their ancestry. He paid high tribute to the members of the society, many of whom he had known for years.

Among the other speakers were Mayor Wilson, Sigmond Lunko of the Hungarian Reformed church in Pine street; F. W. Hall, assistant cashier of the First Bridgeport National bank; Rev. Paul Clement, pastor of the German Lutheran church in Harriet street; Town Clerk Joseph Schultz, Tax Collector Howard Smith and Frank W. Bolande.

Mayor Wilson praised the Hungarian people and said he had been pleased to appoint Dr. Maurice Steinberger a member of the vice commission. John T. King in his remarks said he had no patience with those people who said they were all Americans and that every one must omit the hyphen. He said he was proud of the fact that his people were Irish, and Hungarians like him were out to be proud of their ancestry.

Telegrams expressing regret at their inability to be present were received from editors of Hungarian newspapers and from Hungarian citizens of prominence in New York, Cleveland and other cities.

The officers of the Confederation of Hungarian Sick Benefit societies are: John Deszo, president; Joseph Zeenryber, vice-president; Joseph Kolletar, treasurer; John Major, secretary; John Valko, comptroller; Joseph Kencsi, Alex Bakos, Joseph Ciglar, trustees; Dr. Maurice Steinberger, physician.

The committee of arrangements was Charles Kooz, Alex Gondos, Ernest Reiser, William Kalmar and Enjer Felmar.

Ready Tool Co. Files Certificate To Record Removal To Bridgeport

The Ready Tool Co. of 40 South avenue, has just filed a certificate showing that the corporation changed the location of its business from New Haven to Bridgeport.

The Ready Tool Co. has been in this city four years but its concern overlooked the statute requiring such a certificate until reminded by the secretary of state's office.

John Trinnell, aged 17, of Holyoke, Mass., was fatally injured when he broke his neck while diving at New London, Conn.

ASKS PERMISSION FOR FOURTH TIME TO BUILD HOUSE

Mrs. Konecny Is Champion
"Sticker" for Petitioning
Common Council.

For the fourth time the members of the fire committee of the common council had before them last night the petition of Mrs. Anna Konecny for permission to erect a six family frame house in the rear of her house at 169 Grant street. Mrs. Konecny has been seeking this permission for more than five months. The building commissioners referred her first application to the fire department committee.

An attorney instructed her that she might proceed with the building despite unfavorable action by the fire committee of the council. Unfavorable reports have been twice presented to the council by the fire department committee. A motion to ignore the report of the committee and grant the permission Mrs. Konecny seeks has been voted down by the council.

Mrs. Konecny says the lot on which she desires to place her house is empty for the purpose. She says the income from the house is necessary for her support and that in order to get a living she is obliged to develop the existing capacity of the property, which her husband, Andre Konecny, left her.

A petition of Watske Brothers to establish an auto repair shop in Connecticut avenue and to sell gasoline, was referred to Fire Chief Dan Johnson. Louis Reed was given permission to establish a lunch room at Main street and Washington avenue and Joseph Yargo, a garage in Fairfield avenue.

The application of W. H. Thompson for permission to erect a metal fire proof shooting gallery on the big vacant lot at Main and Congress streets will be favorably reported to the common council at the meeting Monday night. The building will be a movable, temporary structure. The property is owned by Samuel H. Wheeler. There is a small building on it now used for a newsstand.

The petition of the Connecticut Auto Sales Co. to erect a sale gasoline tank in Fairfield avenue and of John J. Kearney for a public garage in Connecticut avenue, will also be reported favorably.

DISCHARGE RESERVIST FROM POWDER PLANT; BURNED HOUSE THERE

(Special to The Farmer.)
Metuchen, N. J., July 23.—Joseph Cahoon, a general utility man at the gun cotton manufacturing plant of Lewis Nixon, who the police say was in jail for setting fire to a building in Bridgeport, was dismissed